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SUBJECT: Status of Legislation

This note provides an up date on legislation affecting the DA.

--S-328, The Prompt Payments Act, cleared the Senate by a vote of 86-0. No companion piece in the House, but there is little reason to expect resistance. Everyone wants the government to pay its bills on time.

S\_1750, which passed this week, calls for reimbursement for expenses incurred by Federal employees for the sale or purchase of a residency resulting from overseas assignments. It also provides for reimbursement for certain travel and moving expenses upon retirement. Office of Finance advises that we already do what is called for in the Bill and more (See  Memo attached).

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Physician Comparability Act cleared the House in identical form as the Senate version. The bill goes to the President for signature. The administration supports the Bill; there should be no problems. OMS and OP have been informed of this one all along. They have no problems.

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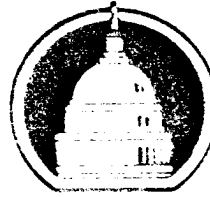
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# CONGRESS DAILY



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## This Week

Democrats in the House and Senate will try to draft tax legislation while Republicans watch from the sidelines.

The House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees are required to contribute \$12 billion in new revenues to a \$25 billion reconciliation package. Democrats in both committees have scheduled meetings for today.

**Senate Floor.** The Senate will vote today to end a filibuster against the nomination of C. William Verity Jr. to be the new secretary of Commerce. Opponents say they are concerned about Verity's past statements in favor of trade with the Soviet Union.

The rest of the Senate schedule is uncertain.

**House Floor.** The House takes up a number of bills under suspension of the rules today, including legislation (HR 940) designed to curb the amount of plastic waste dumped in the world's oceans.

The suspensions also include a reauthorization (HR 2961) of the Federal Communications Commission and legislation (S 1417) reauthorizing a federal program that seeks to extend services to and expand the rights of the mentally retarded and handicapped.

Members are also expected to approve a regional compact of four states — Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia — that was formed to dispose of low-level nuclear waste.

Later in the week, leaders are scheduled to bring up a bill (HR 162) establishing a new government health board to monitor occupational risks. The board would identify workers who are exposed to health hazards and then direct employers to notify those workers.

**Committees.** Thursday is the deadline for House panels to report reconciliation measures to the Budget Committee.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., said panel Democrats will finish their revenue package by Thursday. The Merchant Marine and Agriculture committees have scheduled markups for Wednesday.

The House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee plans to draft its fiscal 1988 spending bill today. The Senate Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee will mark up its fiscal 1988 bill Wednesday (HR 3186).

## Last Week

**Bork Nomination.** Dashing speculation that he would withdraw his name, Robert H. Bork on Friday said he would press for a Senate vote on his nomination to the Supreme Court. Bork said he harbored no illusions about his chances for success.

The Senate Judiciary panel voted 9-5 Tuesday to recommend the full Senate reject Bork's nomination. More than half the senators have publicly announced they will vote against him.

**Farm Credit Overhaul.** The House on Tuesday passed, 365-49, a bill (HR 3030) to reorganize and rescue the Farm Credit System. The measure would provide \$2.5 billion in fiscal 1988, to be paid for through the sale of loans held by the Farmers Home Administration.

**State Department Funding.** The Senate on Thursday voted, 85-5, to authorize more than \$3.6 billion for the State Department, the United States Information Agency and the Board for International Broadcasting (HR 1777).

**FTC Authorization.** The House on Wednesday passed S 677, reauthorizing the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for three years. The bill now goes to conference.

**Prompt Payment.** On Friday, senators passed, 86-0, legislation (S 325) requiring that the federal government pay interest on bills not paid within 30 days.

**Tax Increase.** Republican members of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees refused to participate as the panels began work on a \$15 billion tax-increase program. The new taxes are part of a \$22 billion deficit-reduction package. Ways and Means Democrats tentatively approved about

\$6.5 billion in added revenues from a variety of sources.

**Iran Embargo.** The House and Senate passed virtually identical measures (HR 3391 and S 1745) calling for an embargo on imports from Iran.

**War Powers Act.** The Senate debated, but took no final action on, S J Res 194, requiring that the administration invoke the War Powers Act on U.S. military activities in the Persian Gulf.

**Saudi Arabia Arms Sale.** Senators and the White House reached a compromise that could pave the way for congressional approval of \$1 billion in arms sales to Saudi Arabia. The administration agreed not to include 1,600 Maverick air-to-ground missiles in the sale. Many members were concerned that the Mavericks might pose a threat to Israel.

**Hatch Act Revision.** The House Post Office panel approved HR 3400, liberalizing the 1939 Hatch Act to allow federal employees to participate in politics during off-work hours.

**Air Traffic Controllers.** The House Post Office Committee advanced a bill (HR 3396) to rehire over a two-year period 1,000 air traffic controllers fired after a 1981 strike.

**Agriculture Appropriations.** Appropriations subcommittees in both chambers approved fiscal 1988 spending bills for agriculture and rural development. The Senate subcommittee approved \$8.7 billion. The House subcommittee approved its measure in private.



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there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall it pass?

So the bill (S. 649), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 649

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 208 of the Reclamation Authorization Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 1324, 1327) is amended by deleting "\$39,370,000 (January 1976 prices), plus or minus such amounts, if any," and inserting in lieu thereof "\$88,000,000 (January 1987 prices), provided that of the \$88,000,000 authorized herein, only \$18,000,000 thereof may be adjusted by such amounts, plus or minus."*

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. D'AMATO. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

S-1750

#### REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF SALE AND PURCHASE OF A RESIDENCE UPON TRANSFER OF A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask the acting leader on the other side as to whether or not Calendar Order No. 362 has been cleared.

Mr. D'AMATO. It has been cleared by the minority side.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Senator.

I ask unanimous consent, Mr. President, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Order No. 362.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the bill will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1750) to amend title 5, United States Code, to liberalize certain provisions authorizing reimbursement for expenses of sale and purchase of a residence upon the transfer of a Federal employee, and to provide for the payment of certain travel and transportation expenses of civil service career appointees.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1750

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF SALE AND PURCHASE OF A RESIDENCE UPON THE TRANSFER OF A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE.

(a) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—Section 5724(a)(4)(A) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: "and expenses, required to be paid by the employee, (b) of the sale of the residence (or the settlement of an unexpired lease) of the employee at the official station from which the employee was transferred when he was assigned to a post of duty located outside the United States, its territories or possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or areas and installations in the Republic of Panama made available to the United States pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements (as described in section 3(a) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979), and (ii) of the purchase of a residence at the new official station when the employee is transferred in the interest of the Government from a post of duty located outside the United States, its territories or possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or areas and installations in the Republic of Panama made available to the United States pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements (as described in section 3(a) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979), to an official station (other than the official station from which he was transferred when assigned to the foreign tour of duty) within the United States, its territories or possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or such areas and installations in the Republic of Panama"; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Reimbursement of expenses prescribed under this paragraph in connection with transfers from a post of duty located outside the United States, its territories or possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the areas and installations in the Republic of Panama made available to the United States pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements (as described in section 3(a) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979), shall not be allowed for any sale or settlement of unexpired lease or purchase transaction that occurs prior to official notification that the employee's return to the United States would be to an official station other than the official station from which the employee was transferred when assigned to the foreign post of duty."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall be applicable with respect to any employee transferred to or from a post of duty on or after 60 days after the date of enactment of this section.

#### SEC. 2. CERTAIN TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES OF CIVIL SERVICE CAREER APPOINTEES.

Section 5724(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out "and" at the end of paragraph (1);

(2) by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof "and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) upon the separation of a career appointee (as defined in section 3132(a)(4) of this title), the travel expenses of that individual, the transportation expenses of the immediate family of such individual, and the expenses of moving (including transporting, packing, crating, temporarily storing, draying, and unpacking, the household goods of such individual and personal effects not in excess of 18,000 pounds net weight, to the place where the individual will reside within the United States, its ter-

ritories or possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the areas and installations in the Republic of Panama made available to the United States pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, as described in section 3(a) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979, (or, if the individual dies before the travel, transportation, and moving is completed, to the place where the family will reside), if such individual—

"(i) has previously been transferred in the interest of the Government from one official station or agency to another for permanent duty during the term of Government employment of such individual; and

"(ii) is eligible to receive an annuity upon such separation under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or of chapter 84 of this title."

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I inquire of the distinguished Senator from New York if Calendar Order No. 368 has been cleared on the other side of the aisle?

Mr. D'AMATO. It has been approved by the minority.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Senator.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Order No. 368.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3226) to amend the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 to permit certain participants in the White House Conference for a Drug-Free America to be allowed travel expenses, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### NATIONAL SAFETY BELT USE DAY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of House Joint Resolution 328 designating October 15, 1987,

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